

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
101st LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "E" to S. P. 549, L. D. 1481, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1964 and June 30, 1965."

Amend said Bill by decreasing the total appropriation for each of the following departments, institutions, agencies and others by 1%, such funds to be earmarked for legislation relating to industrial and tourist promotion now pending before the Legislature.

Adjutant General, Department of
Agriculture, Department of
Apprenticeship Council
Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
Attorney General, Department of
Audit, Department of
Banks and Banking, Department of
Baxter State Park Commission
Boxing Commission
Charitable Institutions
Civil Defense and Public Safety
Contributions and Transfers to Other Funds
Economic Development, Department of
Education, Department of
Executive Department
Finance and Administration, Department of
Fisheries and Game, Department of
Forestry, Department of
G. A. R. Department of Maine
Harness Horse Racing Commission
Health and Welfare, Department of
Historian, State
Industrial Accident Commission
Insurance, Department of
Interstate Cooperation, Commission on
Knox Memorial Association
Labor and Industry
Legislative
Library, State of Maine
Liquor Hearing Examiner
Maine Historical Society
Maine Maritime Academy
Maine Port Authority
Mental Health and Corrections, Department of
Park Commission, State
Personnel, Department of
Police, State
Public Utilities Commission

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Relocating Facilities on Federal Aid Highways
Running Horse Racing Commission
Sea and Shore Fisheries
Secretary of State
Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts
Treasurer of State
Uniform Legislation, Commission of
University of Maine
Veterans Affairs, Division of
Water Improvement Commission

Further amend said Bill by correcting the totals therein affected by the adoption of this amendment.

Statement of Intent

The purpose of this amendment is to produce funds to bring more industry into Maine, help those industries already here to expand and to increase the tourist business, which when done will broaden the tax base by keeping our young people from leaving the State to seek work. This extra money will bring to Maine more payrolls, more jobs and much more money in taxes, so that in the future the State will have sufficient money to meet needed and extra services without raising taxes every 2 years.

It is a well established fact that the above is the answer to the needed money for education, health and welfare of the State, so that in the coming session of the 102nd Legislature all departments can raise their budgets to meet their needs without a tax increase.

This has been advocated by the political leaders, union officials, industrial executives and many other leaders in the State.

It is the opinion of the majority of Maine citizens that Maine has much to offer to new industry, expanding Maine industries and to the tourist. However, the present program is not doing this, due to the fact that not sufficient money is available to local, county and state organizations charged with solving this great problem.

Since nearly half of the State is classified as distress labor areas and comes under the Area Redevelopment Act, the number one problem of the Legislature is to solve this for the benefit of every citizen in the State. In order that the many state departments may have sufficient funds to carry on their worth-while programs, they will need to sacrifice 1% of their budget for the next 2 years.

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If we must continue to raise taxes every 2 years, we may then well drive away new industry, prevent those here from expanding and hurt the tourist business. Now is the time to start this program which will give the State the necessary tax money, without increasing taxes and develop our educational program so that it will surpass all other states.

The Governor in the very first part of his Inaugural Address said "Greater economic opportunity, with more jobs and a higher standard of living, is an end we seek."

"I shall request that you appropriate additional funds to advertise Maine's industrial assets. Advertising is one of the most effective methods by which we can assist in developing our industrial potential to its fullest extent."

The Governor is right and with the necessary funds for advertising and sending industrial representatives out of state seeking industry, we can accomplish what the Governor and nearly everyone in the State wants.

Proposed by Senator LOVELL of YORK

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